

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Session

The Richland Parish School Board met at its offices in Rayville, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
Item 1

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Agenda Item 2 Members present: Mrs. Sharon Jones, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Rev. Eugene Young, Mr. James Hough, Mr. Scott McKay, Mr. Kevin Eppinette, Mr. Chris Pruitt, Mr. Billy Calvert, Mrs. Marie Lewis

Members absent: None.

Agenda Item 3 Dr. Ineichen moved; seconded by Rev. Young to approve the July 12, 2022 regular board meeting minutes before publishing in the Official Journal;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

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Agenda Item 4 Mr. Hough moved; seconded by Mr. Pruitt to consider the following revised policy:
File: AEA School Calendar
JD Virtual Discipline

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

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Agenda Rev. Young moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones to consider Revised 2022-2023
Item 5 School Calendar;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 6	Mrs. Lewis moved, seconded by Dr. Ineichen to consider approval of the General Fund Consolidated Budget Revision #1 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year;
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VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 7 Dr. Ineichen moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis to consider adopting a resolution to set millage rates for the 2022 Tax Roll;

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Richland Parish School Board:

<u>MILLAGE</u>		<u>2022 Levy</u>
Parish-wide		
Constitutional Tax		9.70 Mills
Maintenance Tax		9.57 Mills
District-wide		
District 1 2013 Bond & Interest		5 Mills
<u>District 1 2020 Bond & Interest</u>		<u>10 Mills</u>
District 1 Bond & Interest Total		15 Mills
District 2 2020 Bond & Interest		10 Mills
District 3 2020 Refunding Bond & Interest		6 Mills
<u>District 3 2020 Bond & Interest</u>		<u>12 Mills</u>
District 3 Bond & Interest Total		18 Mills
District 4 Bond & Interest		22 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2022, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mrs. Sharon Jones, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Rev. Eugene Young, Mr. James Hough, Mr. Scott McKay, Mr. Kevin Eppinette, Mr. Chris Pruitt, Mr. Billy Calvert, Mrs. Marie Lewis
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
ABSENT: None.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on August 9, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Rayville, Louisiana, this 9th day of August, 2022.

/s/ Sheldon Jones
Superintendent

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda Mrs. Lewis moved, seconded by Rev. Young to consider adopting the Louisiana
Item 8 Compliance Questionnaire;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda Mrs. Lewis moved, seconded by Rev. Young to consider revisions to Richland Parish
Item 9 School Board Ready to Achieve! 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines;

VOTE: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda The Richland Parish School Board received a report on LEAP Assessment Indices
Item 10 and Cohort Grad Rate/ Strength of Diploma Indices;

Agenda Mrs. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Pruitt to consider Pelican HRA 1000 Insurance
Item 11 Plan Resolution;

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland Parish School Board, meeting in regular session, with a quorum present and voting that:

WHEREAS, the School Board is aware that the health insurance policy for their employees is managed by the Office of Group Benefits, and that the Policy Planning Board meets annually to discuss premium rates for the upcoming year;

WHEREAS, the School Board is aware that providing health insurance to their employees is an earned benefit for these underpaid public employees;

WHEREAS, the School Board is aware that providing GAP insurance is a further incentive to employees, because it helps alleviate the financial burden of high deductibles and can result in lower medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, the School Board is aware that the Policy Planning Board of the Office of Group Benefits met on October 6, 2021, and voted to increase the premium rates for the school boards on the Pelican HRA 1000 plan by 24.4%, instead of the 5% increase that other agencies received, without providing any explanation or evidence to justify this differential and burdensome treatment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board requests that the Policy Planning Board of the Office of Group Benefits reconsider the exorbitant and unfair premium increase imposed on the school boards participating in the Pelican HRA 1000 plan, treat these school boards the same as other agencies this coming fiscal year, and provide reasons or evidence to justify actions taken in the past or future on those public agencies with GAP coverage.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Kevin Eppinette, Eugene Young, Billy Calvert, Marie Lewis, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Scott McKay, Chris Pruitt, James Hough, and Sharon Jones

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of August 2022.

/s/ Sheldon Jones
Secretary-Treasurer
Richland Parish School Board

/s/ Kevin Eppinette
President
Richland Parish School Board

VOTE: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda The Richland Parish School Board received the following monthly reports:
Item 12 a) Personnel Action Chart
 b) School Lunch
 c) Sales Tax Monthly Receipts
 d) Financial – General Fund

Agenda The Richland Parish School Board received information on upcoming district events;
Item 13

Agenda Mrs. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Pruitt to adjourn.
Item 14

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

SHELDON JONES, SECRETARY
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MR. KEVIN EPPINETTE, PRESIDENT
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD